

From: [Teresa Mongillo - NOAA Affiliate](#)
To: [Gockel, Catherine](#)
Subject: Re: PBDE report in Word
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 11:13:35 AM

Catherine-

This looks good- I just copied it and added red ink comments. I'll be out on (b) (6) but I will be working intermittently during that time so you can always reach me via email.

On June 6th, 2013, EPA Region 10 convened senior level staff from EPA, NMFS, Ecology, the Puget Sound Partnership, and the Puget Sound Institute at a policy forum to discuss PBDEs in Puget Sound and its resident orcas. It would be preferable to use Southern Resident killer whales and not "resident orcas" as this is a listed endangered species and there are several different killer whales in the Pacific Northwest. See Appendix B for the policy forum agenda and participant list. Staff presented on EPA and Ecology's respective phase out plans for PBDEs, and briefed the group on the learnings (maybe discussions and recommendations instead?) from the technical workgroups. Participants acknowledged the need for additional monitoring of PBDEs and other flame retardants/persistent bioaccumulative toxics in Puget Sound.

There was general agreement among participants that the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) is the appropriate venue through which to continue discussions regarding a Puget Sound-wide monitoring program for PBDEs (<https://sites.google.com/a/psemp.org/psemp/home>). PSEMP is a collaboration of state, federal, tribal and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, watershed groups, businesses, academic researchers, local integrating organizations, and other private and volunteer groups and organizations - all dedicated to monitoring environmental conditions in Puget Sound. In June, 2013, Catherine Gockel of EPA briefed the PSEMP toxics workgroup on the results of the technical workgroups and policy forum. Lynne Barre of NMFS provided a similar briefing to the PSEMP marine mammals workgroup at their June, 2013 meeting. With leadership from EPA and NMFS, PSEMP will convene a sub-workgroup to continue this discussion during Fall 2013.

On Wed, Jul 24, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:

Would you please give this a read? Let me know if you see any typos. Thanks!!

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Policy Forum

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From: Teresa Mongillo - NOAA Affiliate [mailto:teresa.mongillo@noaa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Gockel, Catherine
Subject: Re: PBDE report in Word

Hi Catherine,

I read through the report again. I think before it goes to "print" you will want to check spacing of headings and insert page breaks in the appendix. I included one more bullet on one of the presentations to make their work more clear. Otherwise, as I mentioned in my email yesterday, I think adding a sentence or two that says PSEMP will be creating a monitoring scheme and then directing them to the website is a good idea. If talks will continue about monitoring for NPDES permits specifically from EPA and Ecology that may be good to say too.

Cheers,

Teresa

On Tue, Jul 23, 2013 at 4:03 PM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks again for these slides!

I've attached a revised report. Thanks for your edits. I agree, the report should include a summary of action items from the policy forum.

The tricky thing is that we have not yet convened the group to craft the monitoring scheme. So maybe we want to wait on publishing this report until we have something clearer to report? Or we could write a quick summary of the policy forum, say that the PSEMP toxics workgroup (<https://sites.google.com/a/psemp.org/psemp/toxics-workgroup>) will be working on a Puget Sound-wide monitoring scheme for PBDES and that you and I will continue to be involved. Since my attention is shifting to other projects, I worry about waiting too long. I didn't write that summary yet, but I did include the agenda and participant list from the policy forum. We could always post a version on the website and then update it once the monitoring scheme has been finalized.

What do you think?

Thanks,

Catherine

From: Teresa Mongillo - NOAA Affiliate [mailto:teresa.mongillo@noaa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Gockel, Catherine
Subject: Re: PBDE report in Word

Catherine,

Attached are the background slides for the website in pdf format. I took out the figures that have copyright laws attached to them and added some pictures the NWFSC took. I think another presentation that could go up could be the objectives slides you made.

Cheers,

Teresa

On Wed, Jul 17, 2013 at 2:57 PM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Teresa,

That would be great if you could prepare a presentation for the website. Thanks!

I got halfway through your edits to the report, then got pulled onto something else. I'll take another look.

We can put things up on the website whenever we're ready. Maybe next week?

Hope you're taking it easy!

Catherine

From: Teresa Mongillo - NOAA Affiliate [mailto:teresa.mongillo@noaa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 8:30 AM
To: Gockel, Catherine
Subject: Re: PBDE report in Word

Hi Catherine,

I think one of the introduction and background presentations would work for this website. However, some graphs in the background presentations would need to be removed prior to putting it online (copy right laws). Let me know when you would need them for the website, and I'll go through and check for figures that need to be removed (and photo's that need proper credit).

Also, have you had a chance to look at the report? Do you need me to follow up with anything? Hope your week is going well.

Thanks!

Teresa

On Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 3:22 PM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:

I just spoke with Jeff Rice from the Encyclopedia of Puget Sound (part of the PS Institute). They are planning to post the report and any additional materials. Maybe your presentation would be good to post? Here's an example of what it could look like:

<http://www.eopugetsound.org/articles/suspended-sediment-concentrations-during-dam-decommissioning-elwha-river-washington>

Thanks,

Catherine

From: Teresa Mongillo - NOAA Affiliate [mailto:teresa.mongillo@noaa.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 10:18 AM

To: Gockel, Catherine

Subject: Re: PBDE report in Word

Thanks Catherine! I'll take a look at this likely today and tomorrow and send you back any changes.

Cheers,

Teresa

On Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 9:39 AM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Teresa,

(b) (6) I've attached a PBDE report for you to work from. This is the most recent version. Would you mind tracking your changes?

Thanks,

Catherine Gockel MS, MPA

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